

Restudy of JFK autopsy confirmed by 2 experts

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WASHINGTON — The Rockefeller Commission investigating the Central Intelligence Agency has ordered a re-examination of the autopsy of former President John F. Kennedy in response to allegations that more than one assassin was involved in the murder of Kennedy.

Lt. Col. Robert R. McMeekin, a pathologist at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, and Dr. Werner U. Spitz, chief medical examiner from Wayne County, Detroit, both confirmed

Friday that they were part of a team of five physicians who studied the autopsy materials recently at the National Archives. The commission, headed by Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller, requested the study.

McMeekin said the purpose of the examination was to determine whether the fatal head shot could have been fired from the front and not the rear, as the Warren Commission concluded.

McMeekin said he found nothing to refute the Warren Commission's conclusion that the fatal shot was fired by Lee Harvey Oswald from the sixth floor of the Texas Book Depository in Dallas.

The re-examination of the autopsy materials apparently was prompted by allegations made publicly and to the Rockefeller commission by comedian-activist Dick Gregory that a film of the assassination clearly shows the President lurching violently backward after he was hit in the head, indicating that he was shot from the front.

Gregory and his associates have linked this evidence with a photograph purporting to show men resembling convicted Watergate conspirators E. Howard Hunt and Frank Sturgis at the scene of the November 1963 shooting. They have developed a theory that the CIA was involved in the Kennedy assassination.

David W. Belin, staff director of the Rockefeller Commission, has said that the staff has found no credible evidence linking the CIA to the Kennedy killing.